Programme (ARWSP). With a view to provide drinking water to all habitations, the Government has taken the followign measures:—

* Higher budgetary allocation to accelerate coverage of Not Covered and Partialy Covered habitations and for tackling water quality problems. The budget allocation for rural drinking water sector for 2005-2006 has been increased by about 50%,

* Promoting involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in rural drinking water sector for sustainability of systems and sources,

* Setting up Sub-Mission projects to address water quality problems due to biochemical contamination, eradication of Guinea Worm, desalination of water, control of excess fluorosis, removal of excess Arsenic and Iron, recharging of ground water aquifers, and conservation of water and rain water harvesting,

* Piloting of a Community based rural drinking water quality monitoring and surveillance programme.

* Making available cost-effective technologies to State like hydrogeomorphological maps prepared for Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) by the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad showing prospective ground water zones and priority zones and sites for planning recharge structures.

Construction of temporary shelters for Tsunami victims

*313. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to construct temporary shelters for those Tsunami affected victim in Andaman and Nicobar Islands who have lost their belongings and rendered homeless;

(b) the number of people to be allotted such accommodations;

(c) whether the work will be completed before the on set of the monsoon;

(d) whether the victims will be provided infrastructure for starting their livelihood afresh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 40,650 (approx.) persons are to be accommodated in 10,100 intermediate shelters.

(c) As per present plan of construction, the intermediate shelters would be ready before onset of monsoon.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Government has approved a special package of Rs. 821.88 crore for Andaman & Nicobar Islands which *inter alia* provides for revival of fishery and agriculture sector, relief, employment and sustenance allowance. The Tsunami affected persons have also alrady been provided with farm implements, carpentry/blacksmith tools, household articles and employed in various employment generation programmes in A & N Islands. Considering the future requirement of population, apart from temporary shelters, permanent houses have also been envisaged in a well planned manner with provision for schools, hospitals, health centers, play grounds and office premises for Tribal Council.

Setting up Fund Collection Mechanism

*314. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large portion of relief supplies, especially garments, from abroad meant for Tsunami victims has found its way to pavement markets in Delhi and other metros;

(b) whether the NGOs engaged in the Tsunami relief operations have alleged that maze of bureaucratic procedures for securing compensation, have frustrated the victims; and

(c) how many private trusts/bodies/institutions have set up fund collection mechanism for Tsunami victims and whether the receipts/ disbursements by these fund-raising bodies are monitored/audited by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No such reports have been received by the Ministry of Home Affairs so far.

(b) No such allegations have been received so far. The Government of India has announced a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami effected areas" and the affected people are entitled for relief as per the norms and the package.